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Notice of Intent to prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Jackson Field Office, Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

A Notice of Intent to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Southeastern United States was published in the *Federal Register* on October 8, 2008. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Jackson Field Office is preparing the Southeastern States RMP that will cover BLM-administered lands and mineral estate within Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The plan will provide future management direction for over 1,000 acres of BLM administered lands and approximately 20 million acres of Federal mineral estate.

The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Management Policy Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. Coal resources exist in the state of Kentucky, and the aforementioned *Federal Register* notice served as a call for coal reserve information.

A series of public scoping meetings will be held across several states within the Southeast to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. BLM staff will be available at the public meetings to explain the process for developing the RMP, including public involvement opportunities, and to answer any questions. The meetings will be held in an open-house style and members of the public are invited to attend at their convenience.

Issues identified through this process also guide the planning process. Comments and issues on the planning criteria are received through several means, including submittal in writing at any public scoping meeting; electronically at the project website at http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/fo/southeastern_states.html; email to Gary_Taylor@blm.gov; fax to (601) 977-5440; and by mail at Jackson Field Office, BLM, Attn. Gary Taylor, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, MS 39206.

Public scoping meetings will take place starting October 20th and ending on November 13th, 2008. Specific meeting dates, locations, and times are listed in the table that follows.

For more information, call the BLM Jackson Field Office at 601-977-5400 or visit our website at http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/fo/southeastern_states.html.

Date	Location	Address	Time
October 20, 2008	Little Rock	Central Arkansas Library 100 Rock Street Little Rock, AR 72201	6:00 – 7:30 pm
October 21, 2008	Fort Smith	Creekmore Community Center- Rose Room Rogers Avenue & South 31 st Street Fort Smith, AR 79203	6:00 – 7:30 pm
October 21, 2008	Nashville	Nashville Library – East Branch 206 Gallatin Road Nashville, TN 37206	6:00 – 7:30 pm
October 22, 2008	Frankfort	Paul Sawyer Public Library Community Room 319 Wapping Street Frankfort, KY 40601	6:00 – 7:30 pm
October 23, 2008	Mountain Home	Main Library 424 West 7 th Street Mountain Home, AR 72653	6:00 – 7:30 pm
October 27, 2008	Shreveport	Shreve Memorial Library – Main Library 424 Texas Avenue Shreveport, LA 71101	6:00 – 7:30 pm
October 28, 2008	Baton Rouge	McKinley Alumni Center 1520 Thomas H. Delpit Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70802	6:00 – 7:30 pm
October 29, 2008	Tallahassee	Smith Williams Service Center 2295 Pasco Street Tallahassee, FL 32301	6:00 – 7:30 pm
November 12, 2008	Richmond	Maymont – Stone Barn Building 1700 Hampton Street Richmond, VA 23220	7:00 – 8:30 pm
November 13, 2008	Lorton	Gunston Elementary School – Cafeteria 10100 Gunston Road Lorton, VA 22079	7:30 – 9:00 pm